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PLEASE PASS TO DR. EDUARDO ECHEVERRIA FROM F. GREEN EPA

1. EPA HAS AGREED WITH THE FOLLOWING AGENDA FOR AN
INFORMAL MEETING WITH ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICIALS FROM MEXICO
AT THE HOLIDAY INN, TIJUANA, MEXICO ON DECEMBER 11 AND 12,
1975.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

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AIR --

1) ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIFORM MONITORING SYSTEM IN JUAREZ, TIJUANA AND MEXICALI.

2) INVENTORY OF CONTAMINATION SOURCES, BASED ON EMISSION FACTORS.

WATER --

3) MONITORING PROGRAM FOR WATER QUALITY OF COLORADO AND BRAVO RIVERS.

4) WHAT IS THE STATUS OF COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF RESIDUAL WATERS IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED CITIES. ESTABLISHMENT OF A TENTATIVE PROGRAM OF CONTAMINATION CONTROL.

5) CONSIDERATION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING A MEETING THAT DEALS SPECIFICALLY WITH THE EFFECTS OF CONTAMINATION BY RIVERS IN THE GULF OF MEXICO.

6) STUDY OF CONTAMINATION IN THE TIJUANA RIVER.

SOLID WASTES --

7) EVALUATION OF THE QUANTITY AND TESTING OF THE WASTES IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED CITIES. DETECTION OF WASTE SOURCES ON THE RIO BRAVO AND SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS.

HEALTH --

8) EVALUATION OF STUDIES CARRIED OUT TO DATE IN EL PASO AND JUAREZ, IN RELATION TO LEAD CONTAMINATION.

9) PROPOSAL TO COMPLETE THESE STUDIES ALONG WITH NEUROLOGICAL AND HEMATOLOGICAL STUDIES IN JUAREZ, ON

CHILDREN WITH HIGH LEAD LEVELS IN THEIR BLOOD.

GENERAL --

10) SYSTEM OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE ON ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS IN FRONTIER ZONE.

2. EPA PARTICIPANTS ARE:

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FITZHUGH GREEN - TEAM LEADER

DELBERT BARTH - DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING & SUPPORT LABORATORY, LAS VEGAS

PAUL DEFALCO - ADMINISTRATOR, REGION IX, SAN FRANCISCO

CLYDE ELLER - DIRECTOR, SURVEILLANCE AND ANALYSIS DIVISION, REGION IX

CONRAD KLEVENO - OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES
ELOY LOZANO - DIRECTOR, AIR AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
DIVISION, REGION VI, DALLAS
GEORGE MORGAN - DIRECTOR, MONITORING SYSTEMS RESEARCH
AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, LAS VEGAS

3. THE U.S. TEAM WILL MEET AT 10:00 A.M. ON THURSDAY,

DECEMBER 11, 1975 TO REVIEW AND SCHEDULE THE AGENDA ITEMS
FOR DISCUSSION AT A NOON LUNCHEON WITH THE MEXICAN
TEAM.

THE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS ARE AS
FOLLOWS:

DECEMBER 11 - THURSDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING
AIR - GEORGE MORGAN AND ELOY LOZANO

WATER - PAUL DEFALCO

DECEMBER 12 - FRIDAY MORNING
WATER - PAUL DEFALCO

SOLID WASTE - CLYDE ELLER

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

HEALTH - DELBERT BARTH

GENERAL - TEAM

4. PER BLANE-FRIEDMAN TELEPHONE CALL 11/18/75 GREEN
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AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HERTER DELIGHTED FRIEDMAN
CAN ATTEND MEETING ON BEHALF OF STATE DEPARTMENT.

5. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO INFORM ECHEVERRIA THAT BECAUSE
THAT PART OF AGENDA RELATING TO WATER RESOURCES FALLS
WITHIN TREATY RESPONSIBILITY OF IBWC, EPA HAS ASKED COM-
MISSIONER FRIEDKIN TO ATTEND MEETING, AND WOULD WELCOME
ATTENDANCE OF MEXICAN COMMISSIONER, SUBJECT TO
ECHEVERRIA'S CONCURRENCE.

6. FYI. WHILE WE DO NOT WISH TO PROPOSE REVISION OR
EXPANSION OF ABOVE AGENDA, U.S. TEAM INTENDS TO TAKE
FOLLOWING LINE ON AGENDA ITEMS AS NOTED. ITEM 4 - U.S.
INTENDS TO RAISE RESIDUAL WATERS PROBLEMS IN ALL MAJOR
BORDER CITIES AS WELL AS THREE NAMED IN ITEM 1. ADDI-

TIONALLY, WHILE NOT SUGGESTING SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM ON
TOPIC, U.S. WILL MAKE SPECIAL POINT AND WILL RAISE ISSUE
OF MEXICALI SEWAGE DISPOSAL AS SIGNIFICANT BORDER
POLLUTION PROBLEM WHICH REQUIRES URGENT ATTENTION. ITEM
6 - UNDER THIS ITEM U.S. INTENDS TO DISCUSS CONTAMINATION
IN PACIFIC COASTAL WATERS AND DISPOSAL OF TIJUANA

RESIDUAL WATERS. END FYI. KISSINGER

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